

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated April 1, 2005. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

The Applicant has updated Pages 1 and 2 of the Specification and replaced the Docket numbers with the US application numbers.

The Detailed Description and the Drawings have been amended to correct the errors in reference numbering identified by the Examiner. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for highlighting these issues.

35 U.S.C. §102 - Claims 1-4

Claims 1 to 4 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of the disclosure in US 6,347,864 to Silverbrook et al.

The Examiner contends that Silverbrook teaches all the elements defined by claim 1. The Applicant disagrees. Claim 1 is directed to a printer cartridge with print fluid storage, a printhead and air inlet and at least one conduit for directing air from the inlet over the printhead. The term 'cartridge' would be interpreted by the ordinary worker according to its normal dictionary meaning, that is "a replaceable modular unit".

The cited reference discloses a print cartridge 504 for a digital camera (see Fig. 2). The cartridge 504 releasably engages the print engine assembly 502 to supply paper and ink to the printhead 516 (see Fig. 7). The print engine assembly is permanently installed within the camera for receiving power and print data. The print engine assembly has the printhead, the air pump and the ducting for directing air over the printhead. The cartridge 504 only has the ink and the media.

In contrast, the cartridge of the present invention includes print fluid storage, a printhead and air inlet and conduits for directing air from the inlet over the printhead. In this way, the printhead nozzles and air filter can be regularly replaced without discarding the entire printer. The cited reference fails to teach a cartridge with these features or even suggest the advantages provided by the present invention.

In light of the above, US 6,347,864 to Silverbrook et al does not anticipate claims 1 to 4.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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In the Drawings

The Applicant encloses a replacement set of drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) and with 37 CFR 1.121(d), labelled "Replacement Sheet" in top margin as required. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.